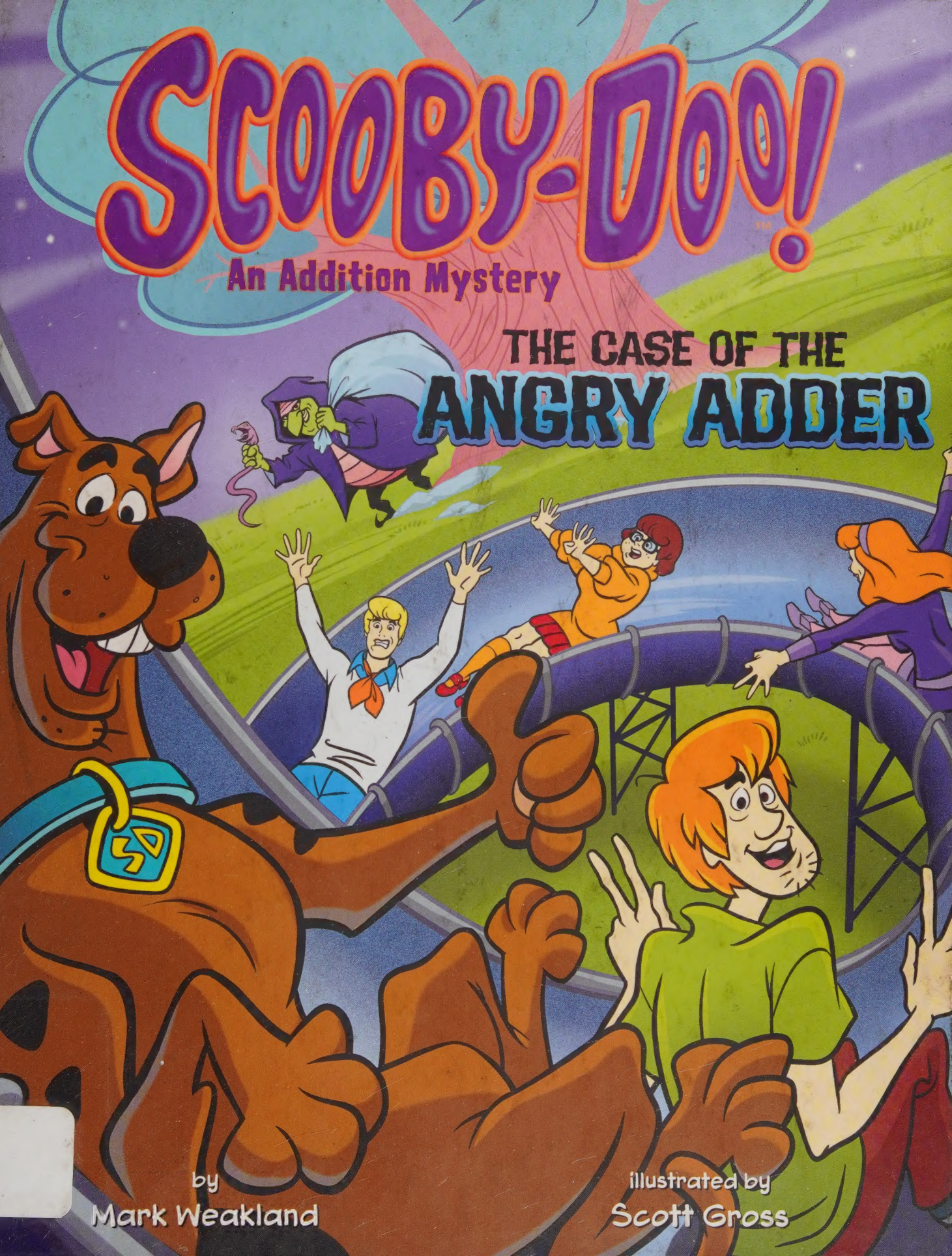
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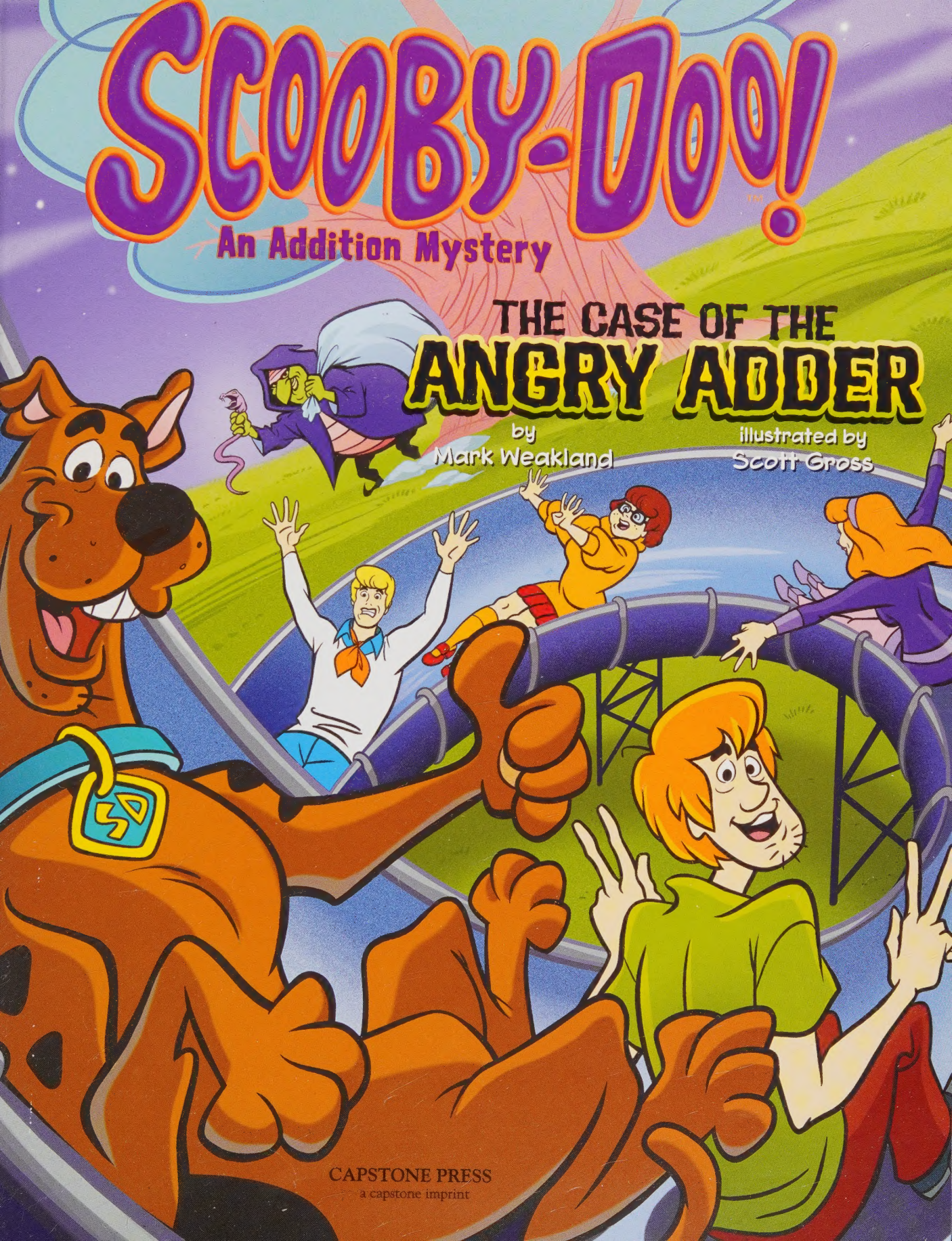
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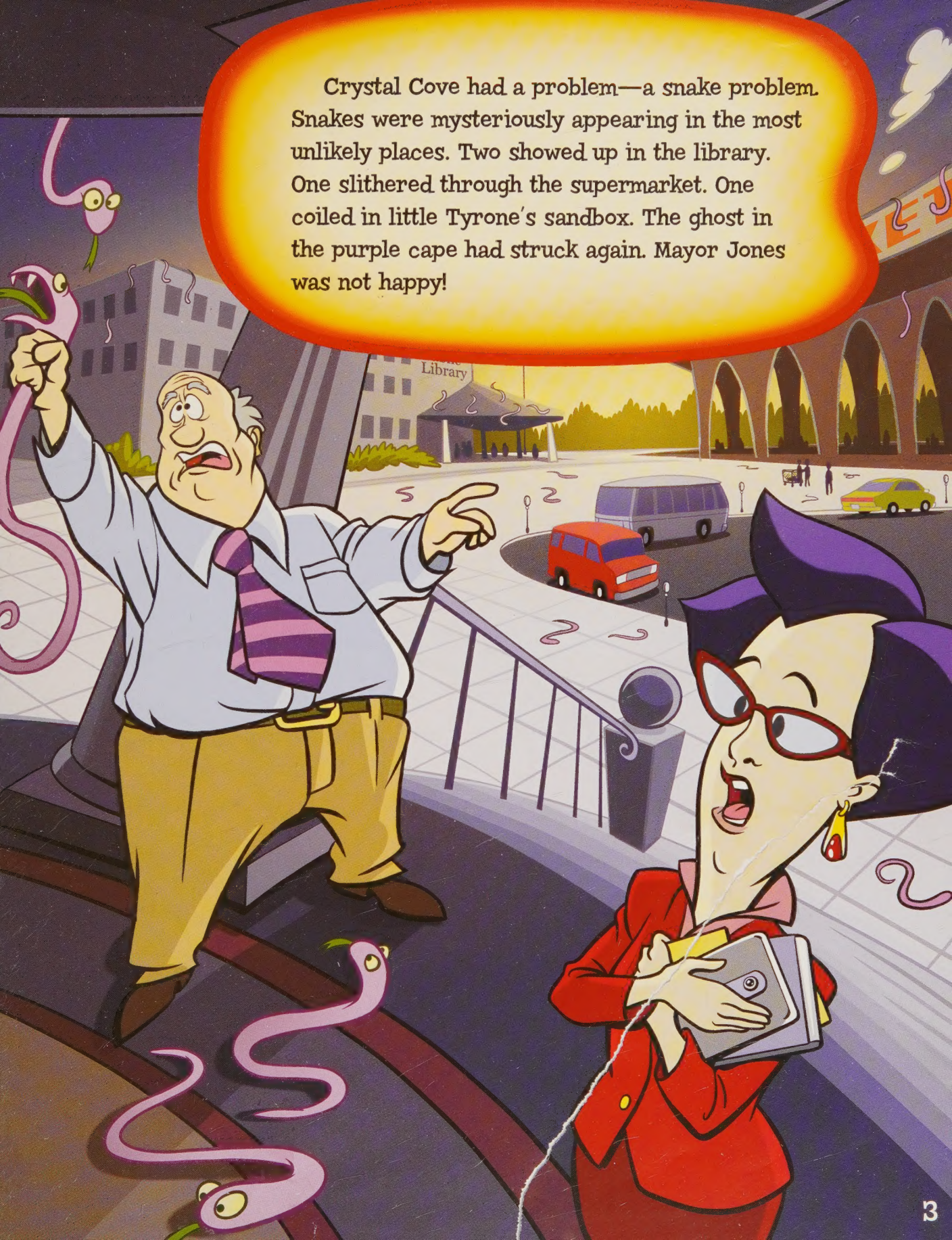

Crystal Cove had a problem—a snake problem. Snakes were mysteriously appearing in the most unlikely places. Two showed up in the library. One slithered through the supermarket. One coiled in little Tyrone's sandbox. The ghost in the purple cape had struck again. Mayor Jones was not happy!
Library

2
Public Library
SUPERMARKET
1
1
2+1+1. Put them together and you get 4. It's simple addition.
MAYOR.
2+1+1=4
2
+2
4

Very good, Mr. Mayor. You could also say 2+2=4.
Add the other snakes from around town, and we have a mystery on our hands!
I'm calling Scooby and the gang.

The gang was busy watching the *The Wild Animal Show*, with Guy Feral. The show had been filmed in Crystal Cove. Just then, the phone rang. Scooby-Doo and Shaggy took the call.

That's right. Snakes. And a ghost in a purple cape too.
Time to investigate. Let's go!

2 + ___ = 5
Let's spread out. There are 5 of us. Let's say 2 can go to the west end of town. The others can go to the east end.
THE MYSTERY MACHINE

2+3=5
2+3=5. It adds up.
When we meet in the middle, we'll be a gang of 5 again.
Or you could say 3+2=5.
Looks like it's you and me, Scoob.

Velma, Fred, and Daphne walked the streets looking for clues. At the playground Fred found snakes on the swings and on the seesaw.
I see 5 snakes here and another 5 snakes on the swings. 5+5=10.

Add 5 more from this slide, and you get 15.
And there are 5 snakes here too. 5+5+5+5=20. That's 20 snakes in all. Or we can just count up by fives: 5, 10, 15, 20. That's a lot of snakes!
5
+5
+5
+5
20

Meanwhile Scooby and Shaggy had stopped at Dave's Snack Shack.
"Our security camera got video of the ghost," said Dave. "Take a look."

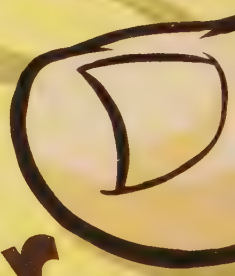
Scooby and Shaggy saw a ghost slinking through the store. It put 2 snakes on the shelves. Then the ghost added 2 snakes. Finally it added 6 more.

"2+2+6=10 snakes, Scoob," said Shaggy.

"10 rakes!" said Scooby.

"That does add up to 10!" said Dave.
"We also found this strange note."

I love ADDING to this town's problems.
Sincerely,
The Angry Adder



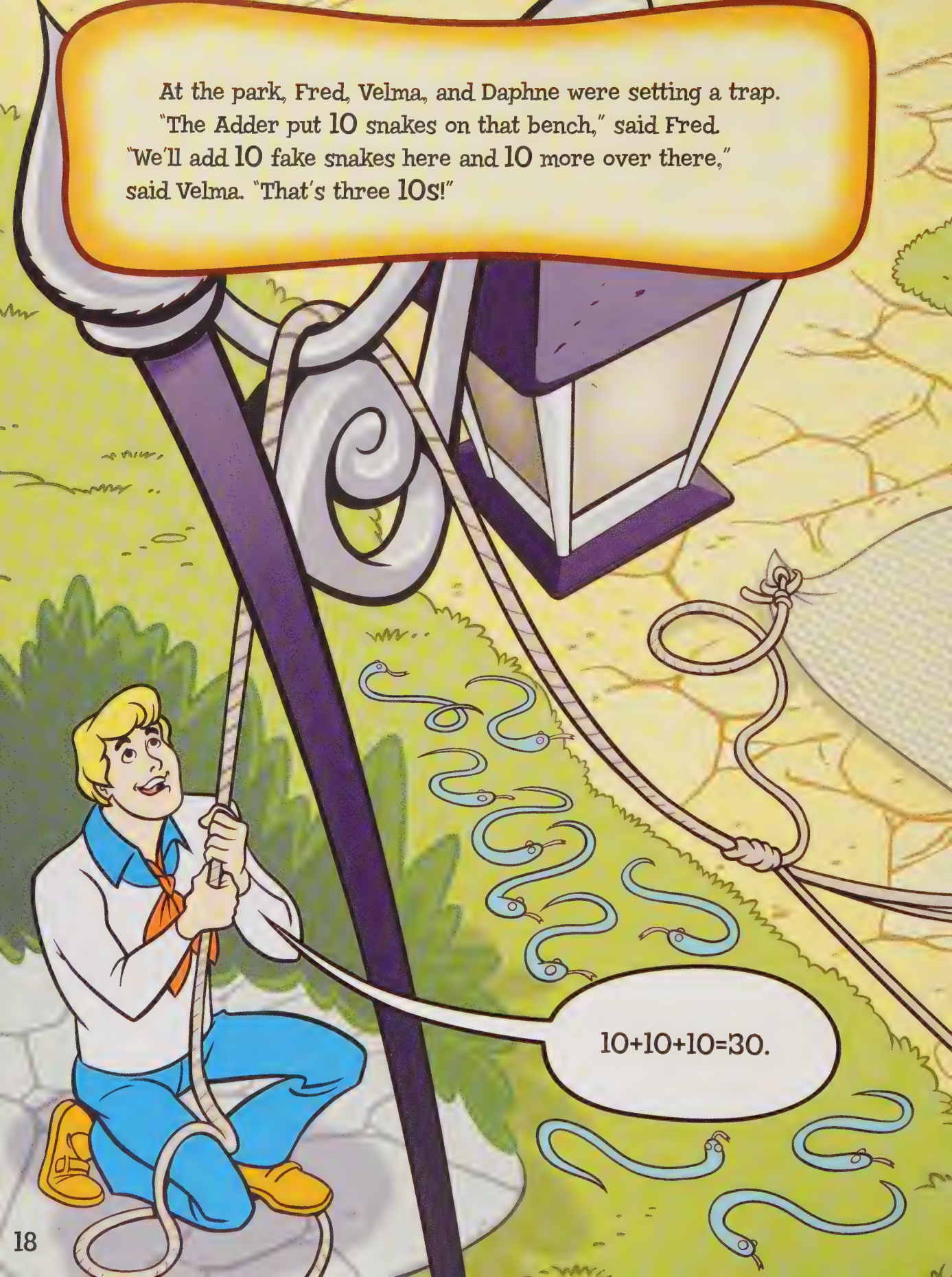
Dave showed the note to Scooby and Shaggy.

"Rangry Radder!" cried Scooby.

"You got that right," said Dave.

"No!" yelled Shaggy, pointing out the window. "He means he sees the Angry Adder. And he's right outside!"

Scooby and Shaggy bolted out the door. The Angry Adder turned in a swirl of purple and ran.
Stop!
Follow that creep, Scoob!


At the park, Fred, Velma, and Daphne were setting a trap.
"The Adder put 10 snakes on that bench," said Fred.
"We'll add 10 fake snakes here and 10 more over there," said Velma. "That's three 10s!"
10+10+10=30.

"When the Adder sees the extra snakes, he'll be confused," said Fred. "When he stops to figure it out, we'll catch him!"

The gang hid and waited. Suddenly the Adder burst into the open. He skidded to a stop when he saw the extra snakes.

"What?" he hissed. "Where did all these snakes come from?"
The Adder began counting. Just then Scooby and Shaggy showed up.
PULL!

Fred pulled the rope. The net closed.

"Hey," said Dave. "It's Guy Feral, from *The Wild Animal Show!*"

"I don't like snakes, and I don't like this town," snarled Guy. "I was filming here when a snake bit my big toe! I wanted to give snakes and this town a bad name. You meddling kids and your dog stopped me!"

"Scooby and the gang solved the mystery!" said the mayor. "I'll treat you all to snacks at the Snack Shack."

"Scooby-Dooby-Doo!"
SCOOBY SNACKS

Glossary

equal—being the same in number; the sign for "equal to" is =

investigate—to check to find out something

meddling—busying oneself with something that is not one's concern

mystery—something that is hard to explain or understand

security camera—a camera used in stores or homes to keep the area safe

slink—to move in a smooth, flowing way

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